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Birth Defects/Congenital Anomalies

(Data are for U.S. for year in parentheses)

Health care use

Hospital inpatient care

- Number of discharges for all ages: 207,000 (2001)
- Average length of stay: 5.5 days (2001)

Source: [2001 National Hospital Discharge Survey](#)

Mortality

- Number of deaths for all ages: 10,442 (2001)
- Number of infant deaths: 5,513 (2001)
- Infant deaths per 100,000 live births: 136.9 (2001)
- Cause of infant death rank: 1 (2001)

Source: [Deaths: Final Data for 2001](#)

More Data

- [Infant Mortality Statistics from the 2001 Period Linked Birth/Infant Death Data Set](#)
- [Births: Final Data for 2002](#)
- [Trends in Spina Bifida and Anencephalus in the United States, 1991-2002](#)

Related Links

- [Birth data](#)
- [Mortality data](#)
- [National Hospital Discharge Survey](#)

- **National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities**
- **National Institute of Child Health and Human Development**

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